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Calendar of Events

- 12/14 New Program Evaluation Deadline
- 12/18-1/5 No ITV Broadcasts, Happy Holidays
- 2/8 NTTI Application Deadline
- 2/29 Reading Rainbow Contest Entry Deadline
- 3/5-3/7 NTTI at JMU
- 3/29 Kid*Vention, Charlottesville

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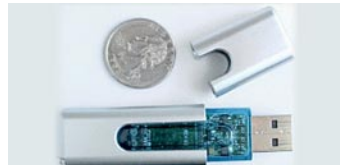
NTTI 2008

WVPT and the SVTC are pleased to announce that the 2008 National Teacher Training Institute (NTTI) for technology integration will be held March 5-7 at James Madison University. The Institute is free to teachers in the 20 school divisions of the SVTC (Ed Tech Grant Consortium). In addition, each participant from a Consortium school who completes all requirements for NTTI attendance and follow-up will receive an item of technology (valued at approximately \$500) for use in his/her classroom (see selection list). Session presenters

for the Institute are specially trained NTTI Master Teachers who demonstrate technology tools, integration strategies and SOL-based technology lessons.

NTTI is funded through Virginia's Enhancing Education through Technology grant (NCLB). Since the grant funding began in March 2003, over 1,200 teachers from 171 out of 175 schools in the SVTC region have attended NTTI. During that same period, over 1,000 items of technology (Smart Boards, laptops, projectors, cameras, etc.) have been introduced into those teachers' classrooms as a result of their participation.

The application to attend is now available online at www.wvpt4learning.org under the NTTI or news article links. Non-consortium teachers are welcome to apply to attend; however, there is a \$200 registration fee and acceptance is based on capacity limits. Address questions about NTTI to John Neumann at jneumann@wvpt.net. [back](#)



Evaluate New Instructional Videos and Enter a Drawing

There is still time for teachers to preview and evaluate new instructional videos being considered for acquisition for the 2008-09 school year and to enter the USB jump

drive drawing. Full-length program previews were recorded in November and may be requested from library media specialists or the school division [ITV Coordinator](#). Preview support materials including [series and program descriptions](#), evaluation form ([online](#) or [printable](#)) and short videostreamed segments are available online at www.wvpt4learning.org. Complete evaluations by December 14 and submit online or to the school division ITV Coordinator. Each completed evaluation form will be entered once for the drawing. [back](#)



Videos That Celebrate the Holidays

Celebrate the holidays with a variety of classic Christmas stories and activities in the series **CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS** including "The Littlest Angel," "The Velveteen Rabbit," "The Little Tree," and dance, arts and crafts. (Airs December 1)

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HOLIDAY FACTS AND FUN #5 "A Multicultural Christmas" examines the significance behind a variety of holiday symbols and customs. Traditions come to life as children play the games, eat the food, sing the songs, wear the costumes and celebrate with people from different countries and backgrounds.

The origin of the holiday is traced and explained so that young children can easily understand the concepts. (Airs December 5)

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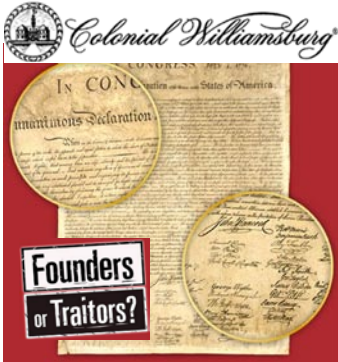
Bridge the English/Spanish Language Gap with AMIGOS

Beginning Spanish Series for Grades K-3, 30 15-minute programs

December 11-14, beginning at 2:00 a.m.

Whether students are learning Spanish or English, AMIGOS presents simple Spanish vocabulary and concepts in a friendly, multicultural setting which increases student awareness and appreciation of Hispanic culture and language. Señorita Fernández and Perro Pepe, a people-sized dog, interact with their student cast and viewers in a daily context to present basic words and phrases relating to numbers, foods, family members, animals, clothing, body parts, birthdays, holidays and more.

A 'real-life' context approach, called FLEX, Foreign Language Experience, is used rather than a translation approach. For example, when Perro Pepe knocks on Señorita Fernández's door, she responds, "Entre", the Spanish word for "enter." Teachers can reinforce learning via the FLEX approach by encouraging children to continue using their new Spanish or English words in various classroom contexts. Bridging the language gap can open the door to communication, relationships and appreciation for each other's culture. See the [broadcast schedule](#) in this newsletter for air dates and times. [Online Series Page](#) [Video Clip](#) [back](#)



Founders or Traitors?

Grades 4-8

Live, Thursday, 12/6, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

The months of late 1776 were "the times that try men's souls." Join Edward Rutledge, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams as they attend a conference with British admiral Lord Howe, hoping to end the American rebellion peacefully. Meet the signers of the Declaration of Independence and discover the risks they took.

Registering for this [electronic field trip](#) enables students to participate in the interactive components (such as asking questions of experts) and receive the teacher's guide and lesson plans. For more information, visit www.history.org/trips or call (800) 761-8331 or email EFTSupport@cwf.org. [SOLs & Online Series Page](#), [Online Preview](#) [back](#)



Civil Rights: The Nine Who Made a Difference

Grades 7-12

Live, Tuesday, 12/4, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

This Ball State electronic field trip "enrolls" students in Little Rock's beautiful Central High School. An angry mob has gathered across the street. The governor has called out the National Guard to maintain order, but every time an attempt to enter the school is made, the guardsmen block the way. This scene greeted "the Little Rock Nine," as they were called by the media, in September 1957. This event was the first important test for the implementation of the U.S. Supreme Court's historic *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. This controversy also tested the national resolve to enforce equality in public school education via integration in the face of massive Southern opposition. Join the rangers and special guests of Central High School National Historic Site as they commemorate the events that surrounded the crisis of 50 years ago by examining the issues and compelling stories that have evolved from the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School.

Registration for the EFT gives teachers access to the web-based curriculum materials and it gives students access to experts by phone during the live broadcast. (During the month prior to broadcast, registered teachers receive the pre-event websites and materials.) When [registering](#), be sure to click "Best Buy Children's Foundation Scholarship" to have the \$75.00 registration fee waived, making the EFT free.

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Salute to Seuss Online Project for PreK-6

2007 is the 50th Anniversary of *The Cat in the Hat!* For teachers who haven't celebrated the works of Dr. Seuss yet this year, one interesting celebration project remains. It's the "[SALUTE TO SEUSS Online Project](#)". It is open to PK-6 students worldwide. A unique feature of this project is that it incorporates [free Internet tools](#) such as a blog, a wikispace, and photoshare. Teachers wanting their students to participate should [register](#) their classrooms (for free) soon, as the project ends December 21. [back](#)



PBS TeacherLine Wins Two Awards

PBS TeacherLine® won the 2007 CODiE Award for Best Online Instruction Solution from the Software & Information Industry Association, which is comprised of competitors, experts and journalists. This award category honors the most outstanding educational website designed to provide instructional support for preK-12 students, teachers and administrators. The online teacher professional development offering was also a finalist in the Best Professional Development Solution.

PBS TeacherLine® received a second award in 2007, the 21st Century Best Practice Award from the U.S. Distance Learning Association. The award recognizes pioneering organizations in the field of distance learning that have challenged existing practice by developing new and innovative solutions for distance learning instruction and training programs.

Include/omit this paragraph depending on whether space is needed to fill a page. PBS TeacherLine offers more than 100 online professional development, graduate level courses for teachers in math, science, reading, instructional strategies and instructional technology. The courses incorporate research-based design elements of effective teacher professional development, as well as model teaching and learning strategies, build professional learning communities, and provide learner/facilitator satisfaction.

Virginia teachers have the option of enrolling in either [Virginia's PBS TeacherLine courses](#) or in national [PBS TeacherLine courses](#). The slate of courses available for each quarter may differ, so teachers may want to check both websites if a particular course is desired. While the course content of Virginia and national courses is the same, Virginia's PBS TeacherLine courses are facilitated by Virginia educators and more closely aligned to the Virginia SOL. [back](#)



PBS TeacherLine Online Courses Begin in January

Virginia's PBS TeacherLine courses for the winter quarter begin January 14, 21 and 28. [Course offerings](#) are now posted online and [enrollment is open](#). Courses can be taken for recertification and, optionally, for graduate credit. Visit virginiateacherline.org for more information. [back](#)



WVPT Professional Development Workshops

As part of the services funded through the Virginia legislature, WVPT Education Specialists are available to present a variety of technology tools, issues, resources and integration workshops at no charge for educators in the WVPT service region. More than 60 workshops are requested each year. To review topics of workshops which have already been presented and can be modified for future needs, go to www.wvpt4learning.org under the "4Teachers" tab and then under "Professional Development."

A short list of workshop topics includes: interactive use of technology, copyright issues and guidelines, unitedstreaming resources, SmartBoard, digital camera, HOTS, and WebQuests. Additional workshops can be created or existing ones adapted to meet specific professional development needs. For more information or to schedule a school or regional workshop, contact John Neumann at jneumann@wvpt.net or (540) 437-2459 or Connie José at cjose@wvpt.net or (540) 437-2448. [back](#)



Get the Most from Discovery Education Streaming

Most teachers in the WVPT service area are familiar with the educational videos available from Discovery Education Streaming (formerly called unitedstreaming). Yet, many are not aware that the videos themselves represent just a small portion of the educational bonanza that their subscription makes available to them. In addition to videos, Discovery Education has added images, clip art, sounds, speeches, articles from *Funk & Wagnalls® New Encyclopedia*, and much more. Teachers with individual Discovery Education Streaming accounts can use the My Content area of the site to organize

the material and the Teacher Center tools of Assignment Builder and Quiz Builder to build dynamic, interactive multimedia projects. Students can be given direct access to these resources, activities and projects through the Student Center that can be set up for them. To access the Discovery Education Streaming services, go to www.wvpt4learning.org and click on the videostreaming link. To receive assistance in setting up and utilizing teacher accounts and features, contact the instructional technology resource teacher or WVPT's Education Specialists Connie José at cjose@wvpt.net or John Neumann at jneumann@wvpt.net. [back](#)




INDIAN PRIDE Re-Airs
















13 30-minute programs, grades 9-12
Sundays 4:00-6:00 a.m., beginning 12/16

This mini-documentary/talk show/cultural magazine series addresses the diverse cultures, traditions, history, and critical issues relative to the American Indian tribes. For more information, including guests, storytellers, and artists, go to indianpridepbs.org. This series also aired in October.

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December Broadcast Schedule – Record This, Please

To request the use or recording of instructional programs, mark this form and give it to the library media specialist or division media center. To plan recordings or requests for the entire year, print the [2007-08 Broadcast Schedule Grid](#). All times listed are a.m./nighttime, so set timers carefully. Grade levels listed are P = K-3, E = 3-5, J = 6-8, S = 9-12.  = closed captioned. [back](#)

Subject	Title & Program #s	Level	Day	Date	Time
Foreign Language					
_____	Top! En Español #1-5	EJ	W	12/5	2:00-3:37
_____	Top! En Français #1-5	EJ	TH	12/6	2:00-3:37
_____	Lyric Language 1 and 2: French #1-4	PEJ	F	12/7	2:00-3:20
_____	Lyric Language 1 and 2: Spanish #1-4	PEJ	S	12/8	2:00-3:20
_____	 Amigos #1-8	P	T	12/11	2:00-4:00
_____	 Amigos #9-16	P	W	12/12	2:00-4:00
_____	 Amigos #17-24	P	TH	12/13	2:00-4:00
_____	 Amigos #25-30	P	F	12/14	2:00-3:30
Health					
_____	The Adventures of the Disaster Dudes	PE	W	12/12	5:45-6:00
Language Arts					
_____	Christmas Programs #1-7	PE	S	12/1	4:00-6:00
_____	Reading Rainbow Contest Winners 2003	PE	W	12/5	3:37-4:00
Math					
_____	 Math Monsters #1-8	P	T	12/11	4:00-6:00
_____	 Math Monsters #9-15	P	W	12/12	4:00-5:45
Science					
_____	 Metric System, The #1-3	EJ	S	12/1	2:00-3:00
_____	 Saving Our Reefs	EJS	S	12/1	3:00-4:00
_____	 Science Is Elementary #1-10	P	F	12/7	3:20-6:00
_____	Work, Energy & the Simple Machines #1-3	EJ	S	12/8	3:20-4:00
_____	Animal Life #1-3	EJ	TH	12/13	5:05-6:00
Social Studies					
_____	 Continents of the World #1-7	PE	T	12/4	2:00-4:30
_____	Walking with Grandfather #1-6	PE	T	12/4	4:30-6:00
_____	Holiday Facts and Fun #1-10	PE	W	12/5	4:00-6:00
_____	 The Age of Exploration 2 #1-3	EJS	TH	12/6	3:37-5:00
_____	Holiday Facts and Fun #11-13	PE	TH	12/6	5:00-5:40
_____	My Trip to Mexico	P	TH	12/6	5:40-6:00
_____	 My Beautiful House #1-8	PEJ	TH	12/13	4:00-5:05
_____	 Into Nepal: A Journey Through the Kathmandu Valley	JS	F	12/14	3:30-4:00
_____	Southeast Asia Today #1-5	JS	S	12/15	2:00-3:45
Scheduled Upon Request					
_____	The Short Story #1-8	JS	S	12/08	4:00-6:00
_____	The Short Story #9-16	JS	F	12/14	4:00-6:00
_____	 Draw Me a Story: The Three Little Pigs	P	S	12/15	3:45-4:00
_____	 Connect with Kids At-Risk #1-6	JS	S	12/15	4:00-6:00

Contact Cindy Atkins at catkins@wvpt.net or (540) 437-2430 to request that a program be rebroadcast.

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Alert: **SOUTHEAST ASIA TODAY** schedule change. New schedule: December 15, 2:00-3:45 a.m. [back](#)